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SUBJ: CIVAIR - NEW AIR CANADA PRESIDENT

REF: OTTAWA A-762, DECEMBER 16, 1975

1. TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 16 THAT CLAUDE TAYLOR HAS BEEN NAMED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AIR CANADA, REPLACING YVES PRATTE, WHO RESIGNED IN NOVEMBER AS CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

2. COMMENT: TAYLOR - FOR SEVERAL YEARS VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS - HAS BEEN MENTIONED CONSISTENTLY IN THE PRESS AS THE LIKELY TOP FIGURE FOR THE CARRIER. IN THE RESHUFFLE TAYLOR WILL ALSO REPLACE PRESIDENT RALPH VAUGHAN WHO BECOMES SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND POLICY ADVISOR. UNDER THE PREVIOUS REGIME THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT HAD BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THAT OF CHAIRMAN, SO THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TITLE APPEARS THE KEY ONE TO DENOTE THE LOCUS OF ULTIMATE AUTHORITY. NO NEW CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN NAMED AND LANG SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO FILL THE POST FOR SOME TIME. REPORTEDLY THE COG IS SEEKING A FRANCOPHONE FOR THE JOB. IN THE MEANTIME, PIERRE TASCHEREAU, CHAIRMAN OF CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, WILL CONTINUE

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AS AIR CANADA'S ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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